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OFFICIAL NORTHWEST TERRITORY CELEBRATION OX-TEAM CARAVAN CACHET

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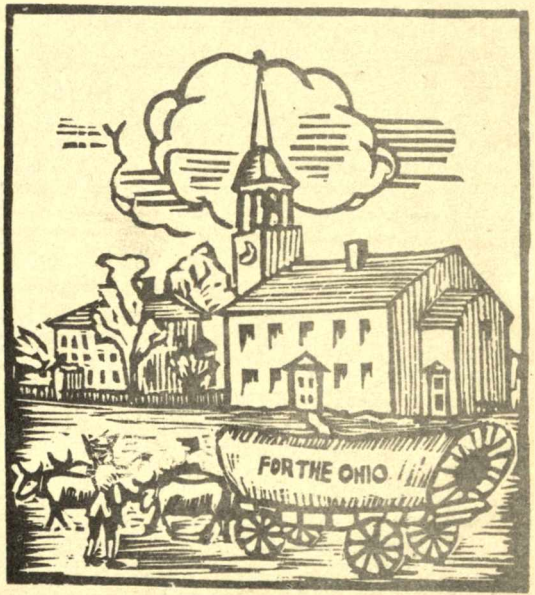

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Information Relative to Employment by

The Northwest Territory Celebration Commission

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INDIANA ROOM

Member of the Caravan Party

1. The program for the Northwest Territory Celebration includes the re-creation of the trek of the Pioneers of a hundred and fifty years ago, from Ipswich, Massachusetts, to their point of settlement at Marietta, Ohio, and, (for purposes of the Celebration Program) on through the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and perhaps Michigan.

2. There will be 36 men in the Caravan party which will travel some 800 miles from Ipswich to Marietta and probably 2000 miles through the States of Northwest Territory.

   The original pioneers had an ox team and a few saddle and pack horses. The men walked. The plan for this re-creation of their trek involves about two-thirds of the 36 men walking at one time. That is, the trip will be so scheduled that 22 men will be with the caravan at all times, either afoot or horseback. Others will serve as property men, etc., and will go ahead in trucks. The men in the party will be alternated so that a man walks two days in three.

   The average daily trip will be 15 miles, though on two or three occasions distances up to 22 miles will have to be covered.

   All baggage will be carried by trucks.

   There will be one rest day in seven days, usually, but not always, a Sunday.

3. Meals, beds, clothing and laundry will be furnished by the Commission to all men.
   During the actual trip—Ipswich to Marietta—the party will be housed in Hotels, Inns and occasionally private homes as the settlements along the route affords.

   In training in Massachusetts, and while building the boats at West Newton, Pa., the party will be quartered in buildings and fed by their own cooks.

   After leaving Marietta the Caravan will camp each night during the summer and be fed by their own cooks.

4. All uniforms, shoes and accoutrements will be supplied by the Commission, both for marching formation and for the pageantry later described. Men of the party will furnish their own underwear, shirts, sox, etc.

5. Each night—6 nights per week while enroute, the party will put on an eight episode pageant, lasting about two hours. During the winter this will be put on in theatres, halls, etc., while in the summer of 1938 it will be on a portable stage which will accompany the party at that time.

6. The enclosed broadside will give you the approximate route of the Caravan. The party will assemble at Marietta, Ohio, on November 1st., to be transported by automobile to the training point near Boston, Mass. They will then be trained in the pageantry, and gotten ready for the trip which starts December 3, 1937.

   On January 20th, 1938 they are scheduled to arrive at West Newton (Old Sumrill's Ferry, Pa.) There they will remain for ten weeks building the two flat boats and three pirogues in which to descend the Youghiogheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers to Marietta, Ohio. Trained boat builders will direct this, but the men of the party will work with saws, axes, hammers, etc.

   The party leaves Sumrill's Ferry on April 1st, and arrives at Marietta on April 7th. Remaining there for three days they will again take up the march, and cover the States of the Territory. If the "jumps" from town to town throughout these States are over 18 miles, motor transportation for men and ox team will be furnished to an extent that men will not walk over an average of 15 miles per day. The trek will continue until around October 1st. to October 15th, 1938.

7. Approximately the following daily schedule will apply enroute:
   Up for breakfast—7:00 a. m.
   Start march—8:00 a. m.
   Arrive next destination about 3:00 p. m.
   Rest until 7:30 p. m.
   Begin pageant 8:00 p. m.
   Pageant completed 10:00 p. m.

   As above said one day per week will be rest period.

Of course while at Sumrill's Ferry only one pageant will be given, but men will work an eight hour day on the boats. While in training in Massachusetts they will also work about an eight hour day.

8. In many places entertainment and hospitality will be extended to the party by local citizens especially as the party earns a reputation as a well behaved bunch of "gentlemen adventurers" such as were the Northwest Territory Pioneers.

9. PAY BASIS.

Probably the greatest compensation will come from the adventure of the trip; the many and varied contacts with fine people over almost half the population of the United States (this program will show within an hour's automobile ride of 57 million people); the fine physical hardihood to come from that trip, and in the general and specific educational value.
In fact the Caravan has had many "volunteers" willing to make the trip just for the above renumeration.

However the Commission proposes to pay on the following basis:

A—Men selected to report to Marietta at their own cost.

B—Pay to be at the rate of $1.00 per day plus meals, beds, clothing and laundry.

C—A bonus of $100.00 cash to those men completing the trip of about ten months.

D—The marching uniform, rifle, or side arm and powder horn and pouch carried by each man to be his property at the end of the trip.

E—Discharge in the fall of 1938 to be at some point in Northwest Territory, probably Ohio.

F—A Doctor will accompany the party for medical aid.

G—Pay checks will be issued monthly from United States disbursing office at Cleveland, Ohio.

10. Men will be held to discipline necessary for such a trip.
We cannot consider any man who is addicted to use of intoxicating liquors, or to other morally objectionable habits. If you are so addicted, please do not lie about it, for ten months of contact will establish the truth and be unfortunate for both you and us.

There will be no vacations or leaves of absence beyond the weekly day of rest and these two holidays—Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Breach of discipline or failure to do one's part will be cause for dismissal at any point enroute.
No man to resign without two weeks written notice to the pageantry director, or be subject to loss of pay for last pay period.

This will be a grand and glorious trip for men as adventurous as were the pioneers. It will give the men who make the trip lifelong and happy memories. And you can come out of it with several hundred dollars in the bank if you will. But, let no man think it will be a picnic. The trip across the mountains is made in the winter. There will be emergencies and hard work at times (The pioneers made it—with far poorer roads to travel and less to work with than you will have today.) If you are not hardy, or if you won't relish having to depend upon your initiative and resourcefulness—then do not tackle the trip. If you believe you would get a great kick out of it; if you are willing and anxious to undergo hardships as well as the inevitable pleasures of such a project, you are a candidate.

Fill out the application blank FULLY. Personal interviews may be granted later but in no case unles the applicant has filled in the application blank and personal interviews have been OK'd by the pageantry director.

There will be many applicants. We shall try and serve all promptly and fairly. If circumstances permit we shall advise those chosen not later than October 10th, to 15th, and sooner if possible.
Enclosed are some additional pieces of literature which will tell you more of the Celebration as a whole.

Tear off this part of the form and keep it. Mail the application blank to

Northwest Territory Celebration Commission, (Federal)
Marietta, Ohio

This Commission is created by act of Congress and its funds so provided.

Paste
Recent
Photo
Here
(Large enough to show
what you really look like.)

Name of applicant in full .....

Age ..... Height ..... Weight ..... Color .....

Street address ....., Town ..... State .....

What High School did you attend? .....

Town ..... State .....

Name of Principal .....

His present address .....

What college or university did you attend? .....

Name of Dean of Men .....

How many years did you attend? .....

If you were graduated, with what degree? .....

In what college sports did you regularly participate:

Football	Name of Coach	His present address .....
Baseball	" " "	" " " .....
Basketball	" " "	" " " .....
Track	" " "	" " " .....
Crew	" " "	" " " .....
Tennis	" " "	" " " .....

What other college activities:

Dramatics ..... How many plays ..... Pageants ..... Name of coach ..... Address .....

Debating clubs ..... Name of club ..... Name of Coach ..... Address .....

Musical clubs ..... Other musical experience .....

List any other activities .....

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Have you ever taken part in any pageants or home-talent plays outside of college? ..... If so, list them, giving name of production, sponsor and coach .....

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(Dramatic experience is not vital to consideration of your application, but will help.)

Is your health good? ..... What sicknesses have you had in past five years? .....

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Are your feet in good shape? ..... Can you walk an average of twelve miles per day and not be tired out at night?

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List your employment since you left high school:

Name of employer	from	to	nature of job
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WHAT ARE YOUR MORAL HABITS?

Do you drink intoxicating liquors? .....

Have you ever been arrested? ..... For what? .....

What church do you attend or belong to? .....

What are your parents' names?

Mother ..... Street ..... City ..... State .....

Father ..... Street ..... City ..... State .....

Your father's occupation .....

How many brothers? ..... Sisters .....

What is your ambition? .....

What is your hobby? .....

To what lodges, fraternities, associations do you belong? .....

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Why do you want to make this trip? .....

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Attach to this application at least three letters of recommendation. One from your high school principal or some member of the faculty if he is not available; one from your Dean of Men at your college or university, or some other college official who knew you in college if your Dean of Men is not available. One from your minister or a minister friend. These letters should cover your character, dependability, habits and energy. Other letters of recommendation from past employers will be appreciated.

Besides men to be part of the caravan and to take part in the pageant given by the party in the evenings, the personnel will need two cooks and a doctor. These men will act as supers in the pageant. If you are qualified for either of these positions, please state your qualifications below: .....

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Read all the attached statement of what is required of the men chosen. If you do not genuinely wish to join the party, do not send in the application. If you do wish to be one of the caravan party, send in your application **promptly**.

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MARIETTA, OHIO

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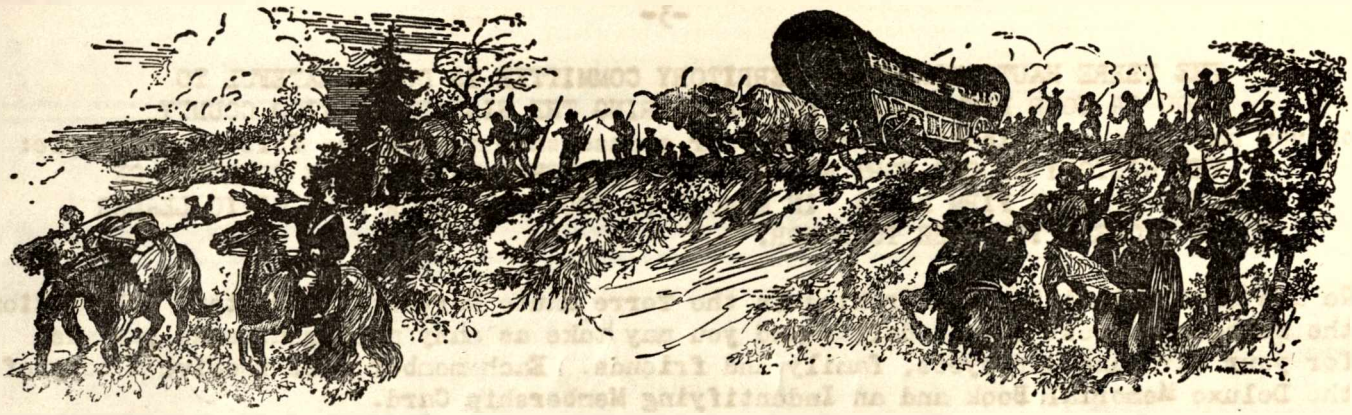

TERRE HAUTE NORTHWEST TERRITORY CELEBRATION

MISS BONNIE FARWELL

Vice President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and a Member of the Federal and State Northwest Territory Celebration Commission has authorized the appointment of the following Committee to be known as the

Terre Haute Northwest Territory Celebration Committee

August 28-September 3, 1938

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Celebration Week

It is not often that Terre Haute has an opportunity to have A GREAT NATIONAL CELEBRATION brought to its very door. The Federal Government and our own State of Indiana are actively interested and are contributing a glorious and spectacular feature "FREEDOM ON THE MARCH". The remainder is up to us--the people of Terre Haute and judging from the recent civic interest so commendably manifested our people will do their part to make this "WEEK OF CELEBRATION" a grand success.

The Pioneer and Ox-team Caravan will be in Terre Haute for the afternoon and evening of Saturday September 3, 1938. In the evening at Memorial Stadium the colorful and historical pageant drama "FREEDOM ON THE MARCH" will be presented at eight o'clock by the members of the caravan. No charge of admission will be made for this performance, which portrays the National History of the Early West in the Development of the United States.

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The greatest "Week of Celebration" in the history of our city is the ambitious plan of this Committee.

The entire week from Sunday, August 28th through Saturday, September 3rd will be dedicated to a Wabash Valley Northwest Territorry Celebration in Terre Haute to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Northwest Territory, the 122d Anniversary of Indiana and the 126th Anniversary of the Historic Battle of Fort Harrison.

THE TERRE HAUTE NORTHWEST TERRITORY COMMITTEE IS DULY GRATEFUL TO
(YOU OR YOUR FIRM NAME) FOR SPONSORING THE HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY

or you may have a dedication made of your sponsorship as per the following example:

THE HISTORY OF OLD FORT HARRISON IS PUBLISHED THROUGH THE COURTESY OF
(YOU OR YOUR FIRM NAME) IN MEMORY OF YOUR FAMILY OR SOME CIVIC LEADER
OR PIONEER YOU WISH TO HONOR.

We are also soliciting memberships in the Terre Haute Northwest Territory Celebration, the membership cost is one dollar and you may take as many memberships as you wish for your firm and employees, family and friends. Each member will receive a copy of the Deluxe Memorial Book and an Indentifying Membership Card.

We will sincerely appreciate your support in making this "WEEK OF CELEBRATION" a grand success, for it is through the sale of memberships and sponsorships that we are enabled to publish this Historical Memorial Book containing one hundred or more pages and finance this splendid civic achievement for our city.

Respectfully,

TERRE HAUTE NORTHWEST TERRITORY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Morton Hayman
Morton F. Hayman
Chairman

Bonnie Farwell
Bonnie Farwell
Secretary

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for sponsorship and membership

Please reserve for me_____pages in the Deluxe Memorial Book at $100.00 per page, I wish to sponsor the history of_____

Please reserve_____memberships at $1.00 each which entitles me to a copy of the Deluxe Memorial Book for each membership.

Signed:

_____
Name of firm or individual

_____
Address

Eight Milestones will be dramatically presented by One Hundred and fourteen characters. This Pioneer Caravan is drawing unheard of crowds as it makes its trek throughout the Northwest Territory. At Steubenville, Ohio a crowd of sixty thousand and at Canton, Ohio one hundred and twenty five thousand watched their parade.

What this program and our "WEEK OF CELEBRATION" will mean to Terre Haute will largely be determined by what we make it. The Northwest Territory Celebration gives us a nucleus for an event of educational, civic, cultural and commercial importance, which can and will go down as the greatest seven days in our history.

Our "WEEK OF CELEBRATION" will be built around the following program:
1. Assembling for exhibit from institutions and homes of the entire Wabash Valley of authentic early American specimens--costumes, furniture, modes of transportation, agricultural implements and other historic articles.
2. Appropriate recognition of the 126th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Harrison which commenced on the night of September 3rd,1812. Speakers are to appear during the week before all gatherings of citizens in churches, luncheon clubs and other meetings.
3. A banquet at five thirty o'clock, September 3, in the Mayflower Room of the Terre Haute House to honor the personnel of the Pioneer Caravan, which includes a Terre Haute boy, Carl Applegate, who will return to complete his college course at Indiana State Teachers College next fall.
4. A dance for the members of the Pioneer Caravan at the Elks Fort Harrison Country Club following the evenings performance at the Stadium as guests of the Terre Haute committee.
5. The Terre Haute Parade on the afternoon of September 3rd to be made the most ambitious pageant ever attempted. The entire parade to be evolved from these major themes,--The Battle of Fort Harrison, Evolution of Transportation from the early Indian and Pioneer days down to the present, and our general historical progress. All communities of the Wabash Valley will be invited to participate and be represented with historical floats which they may wish to enter in the Pageant Parade. A definitely worked out plan will elaborately produce this pageant parade. A special committee, under the direction of Paul F. Ryan, is sincerely endeavoring to make itso extensive, colorful and historically representative, that it will merit a National News Reel which will be shown in all the metropolitan cities. Such favorable nation wide publicity would be an invaluable asset to Terre Haute.
6. Terre Haute, Vigo County and the Wabash Valley have a proud heritage and historical background. A major and permanent accomplishment is the historic research and vital material that is being made available and assembled, by our editorial committee, to be published in a DELUXE MEMORIAL BOOK--under the title THE WABASH VALLEY REMEMBERS. This will truly be a book of distinction. It will have a full embossed binding of maroon leatherette, in each top corner of the front cover will be the photographic reproductions of Wm. Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor engraved in silver--in the center will be etched historic OLD FORT HARRISON and paneled across the bottom a Caravan motif in silver with the dates 1787--1938. The pioneer families that settled and built this community were courageous and hardy souls--they were busy making history--not recording it. That is our privilege and we propose to record the important and interesting phases of their history. All these articles will be pictorially portrayed and editorially written in the same literary manner as our colleges, schools, churches, commerce, agricultures, transportation, science, arts and government. This Memorial Book will be a credit to any public or private library, a ready reference for any educational or commercial institution. A book you will be proud to have on your business desk and in your home. Five thousand copies of this Deluxe Memorial Book will be printed and circulated. We are requesting your cooperation in this great publication by sponsoring one or more pictorial and historical pages. You can choose whatever institution, subject or article you wish. The credit for your sponsorship will read:

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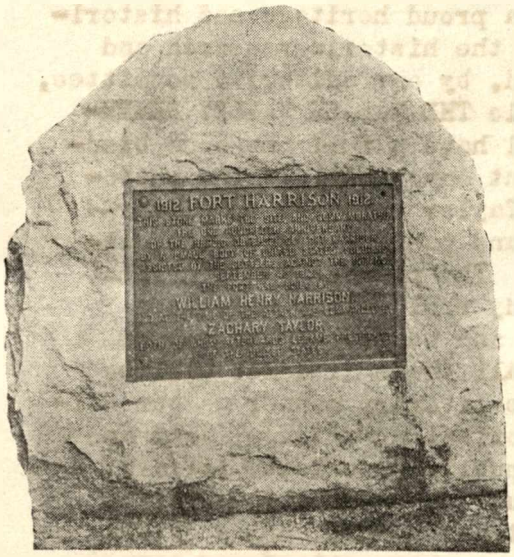


Bronze tablet erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the battle of Fort Harrison, Sept. 4, 1812.

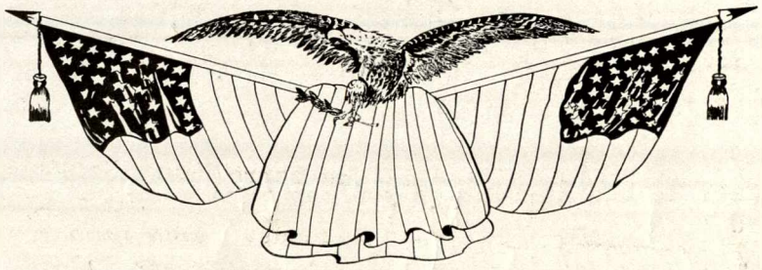
Historic Site of Old Fort Harrison

This Memorial is on the site of Old Fort Harrison, which was an important factor in shaping the destiny of Indiana and the old Northwest Territory.

Fort Harrison was built in the fall of 1811, by General William Henry Harrison, who at that time was Governor of the Northwest Territory, for whom it was named. He later became President of the United States. It was also commanded by Captain Zachory Taylor, who also became President of our country.

Patron Membership

Wabash Valley Northwest Territory Celebration

1787  1938